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DAU News

New ACC Proof of Concept Site Available for Owners/Editors to View

The ACC Migration Team is pleased to announce that the proof of concept site is now available for your personal viewing and exploring. As you know, many months of effort have gone into this project, both by the team and by you, the CoP owners/editors, to ready your site for migration to the new SharePoint platform.

The design introduces a more modern look and feel and increased social capabilities, as well as a much improved search. We encourage you to test drive the site and provide us with your feedback. The proof of concept site is accessible at <https://spcops.dev.dau.mil/pbl3> (you must access from a .mil domain).

In order to access the full features (contribute, post questions, follow content) of the site, you must fill out a 2875 form and get an account. [Visit here](#) for information on that process.

Please send your feedback and questions to acc-migration@dau.mil. We look forward to hearing from you.

Hot Topic Forum

"Strengthening Cost Consciousness, Professionalism, and Technical Excellence"

On behalf of the Defense Acquisition University (DAU), the Defense Acquisition University Alumni Association (DAUAA), in conjunction with the Acquisition Community Connection (ACC), will present a no-cost hot topic training forum on Wed, 27 Apr 2016, in the Hirsch Center, Scott Hall, on the DAU Fort Belvoir Campus. The theme is "Strengthening Cost Consciousness, Professionalism, and Technical Excellence". The training symposium will feature Frank Kendall, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics as the keynote speaker and planned events include plenary and classroom training sessions focusing on the latest acquisition policy, practices and techniques that attendees can use on the job. The training forum will take place from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. DAU regional campuses and sites should coordinate with local DAUAA representatives to present this forum via VTC. Registration for this forum is required. This training forum provides 6 Continuous Learning Points for Government employees. [Read more and sign up here](#).

Looking for more Policy information?

The Defense Acquisition Portal has a [Policy blog](#)! Updated whenever new DoD policy is issued, the blog holds all the policy information you need to get the job done. Recently, it featured an update of the Marine Corps Systems Command Acquisition Guidebook. It's a great one stop shop for all of your policy news and needs.

Learn More About the Defense Exportability Features Initiative

The Defense Exportability Features Initiatives encourage DoD program management to assess the feasibility of designing and developing technology protection features in systems early in their acquisition life cycle. By doing this, exportable versions of a system or subsystem could be sold earlier in the Production and Development phase, thereby enabling capability to be available to allies and friendly companies more rapidly and lowering the unit cost of DoD procurements. For more information, please visit the [ACQuipedia](#).

Need More Incentive to Visit ACQuipedia?

A new article on Incentives was just added. Titled "[Incentives - Motivating Achievement of Desired Product Support Outcomes](#)," it details how to motivate the contractor, in calculable monetary terms, to turn out a product that meets significantly advanced performance goals to improve on the contract schedule up to and including final delivery, to substantially reduce costs of the work, or to complete the project under a weighted combination of some or all of these objectives. When it comes to Performance Based Logistics product support arrangements, the reality is that incentives can also be used to motivate organic government personnel and organizations (as well as industry), be monetary or non-monetary based, be applied to product support outcomes and services, and be positive, negative, or a mix.

Integrated Knowledge Sharing

[Acker Library & Knowledge Repository](#)

[Acquisition Community Connection \(ACC\)](#)

[Acquisition Encyclopedia \(ACQuipedia\)](#)

[Acquisition Proven Practices & Lessons Learned \(ACQ P²L²\)](#)

[Ask-a-Professor \(AAP\)](#)

[Better Buying Power \(BBP\)](#)



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Hot Topic Forum Presentation Posted

The Defense Acquisition University (DAU) hosted a one-day training symposium on 17 Feb 2016. The symposium was presented by the DAU Alumni Association (DAUAA) on behalf of DAU. The theme was "Unclassified Information System Security Protections - Implementation of the Network Penetration and Reporting DFARS." The [presentation](#) from the training symposium is now available online.

New DAU Cybersecurity Site

DAU has launched a new community page for cybersecurity, which is accessible through [this link](#) or through a link on the DAU home page. The site connects users to the latest DoD policy documents and other references of use to the acquisition professional. In addition to briefings and articles on cybersecurity, the site links viewers to DAU faculty members who can help to answer cybersecurity questions from the workforce. The site will grow more robust over time as members from the community make their own contributions and more DAU training products in this area become available.

Guide To Agilities, Flexibilities & Simplifications Within The FAR & DOD 5000.02, Operation Of The Defense Acquisition System

["A BRIEF REFERENCE GUIDE TO AGILITIES, FLEXIBILITIES, AND SIMPLIFICATIONS WITHIN THE FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION AND DOD 5000.02, OPERATION OF THE DEFENSE ACQUISITION SYSTEM"](#) by LT COL Dan Ward, USAF (RET 2016)

"Ignorance of the FAR is a greater barrier to government innovation than the FAR itself. To help foster greater innovation, speed, and effectiveness in federal contracting efforts, the following pages present selected excerpts (emphasis added) from the FAR and DoD Instruction 5000.02, Operation of the Defense Acquisition System. Accompanying each excerpt is a brief commentary on potential ways to interpret and implement these regulations, as well as summaries of the underlying principles.

"This document is not a comprehensive overview of the entire body of federal acquisition policy and regulation. Instead, it aims to highlight specific portions from two key regulations which describe the simplifications, agilities, flexibilities and alternatives available to acquisition professionals.

"Note that this document is not an official opinion and does not constitute legal or contractual advice. Instead, this informal analysis provides an easy starting point for further discussion. The goal is to equip program managers, engineers, and other acquisition practitioners from government and industry alike with an accessible quick reference guide to some of the more useful and empowering portions of federal acquisition policy."

DoD Instruction 5000.74 Issued

Newly released [Department of Defense Instruction \(DoDI\) 5000.74](#) brings changes to the Services Acquisition process, including establishing policy, assigning responsibilities, and providing direction for the acquisition of contracted services. It incorporates and cancels Enclosure 9 of DoDI 5000.02 and outlines the "Seven Steps to the Service Acquisition Process and Key Deliverables".

Eliminating Industry Requirements Report Released

In a first of its kind report, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics (USD(AT&L)), [announced the results](#) of a study aimed to reduce the requirements imposed on industry. The report features assessments, analysis, and recommendations.

The "2015 Compendium of Annual Program Manager Assessments" Posted

The [2015 Compendium of Annual Program Manager Assessments](#) provides a composite portrait of the breadth and depth of the challenges program managers face and of the highly professional way in which these challenges are being met. They provide an opportunity for those both inside and outside the defense acquisition arena to gain a deeper appreciation of the practical reality of defense acquisition - as seen through the eyes of our front line managers who deal with that reality on a daily basis.

2015 "Performance of the Defense Acquisition System" Released

After five years of implementing Better Buying Power initiatives, such as "should cost management" and affordability caps, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics Frank Kendall states that there are [signs of significant improvement](#) in acquisition outcomes.

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